

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dr. Adrienne Antler on 20 January 2010.

Claims 62, 63, 65, 66, 68, 69, 89-103, 105-112, 114, 116, 117, 119, 121-123, 142-165, 167, 168, 179, 181-191 and 199-207 are allowed.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 114. (Presently amended) The composition of claim 62, 63, 65 or 69, which further comprises HIV rRev, nNef or gGag, or an immunogenic fragment thereof.

Claim 119. (Presently amended) The composition of claim 62, 63, 65 or 69, wherein said isolated HIV Tat protein is fused to HIV rRev, nNef or gGag, or an immunogenic fragment thereof.

Claim 189. (Presently amended) The composition of claim 179, which further comprises HIV rRev, nNef or gGag, or an immunogenic fragment thereof.

Conclusion

Claims 62, 63, 65, 66, 68, 69, 89-103, 105-112, 114, 116, 117, 119, 121-123, 142-165, 167, 168, 179, 181-191 and 199-207 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LOUISE HUMPHREY whose telephone number is (571)272-5543. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Mondesi can be reached on 571-272-0956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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